

Claims

- [c1] What is claimed is:
- 1.A portable computer that is capable of being connected to a computer, the portable computer comprising:
 - a processor;
 - a display device electrically connected to the processor for displaying output of the processor;
 - a communications module electrically connected to the processor for communicating with the computer, the communications module having a first mode and a second mode; and
 - an expansion slot electrically connected to the processor capable of accepting an expansion card for expanding capabilities of the processor;wherein when the communications module is in the first mode the communications module allows communication between the expansion slot and the processor and prevents communication between the expansion slot and the computer, and when the communications module is in the second mode the communications module allows communication between the expansion slot and the computer and prevents communication between the expansion slot and the processor.
 - [c2] 2.The portable computer of claim 1 wherein the communications module further comprises a third mode, wherein the communications module in the third mode prevents communication between the expansion slot and the processor, and prevents communication between the expansion slot and the computer.
 - [c3] 3.The portable computer of claim 2 wherein the communications module is in the third mode when the expansion card is removed from the expansion slot.
 - [c4] 4.The portable computer of claim 1 further comprising a connection port electrically connected to the communications module, wherein the connection port is capable of being connected to the computer.
 - [c5] 5.The portable computer of claim 4 wherein the mode of the communications module is set by the communications module detecting a state of the

